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Rainer recommended as LifeWay chief

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP and local reports) — The presidential search committee of LifeWay Christian Resources' board of trustees recommended on August 5 that Thom S. Rainer become the Southern Baptist entity's next president after James T. Draper Jr. retires on February 1.

Rainer is dean of Southern Seminary's Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism, and Church Growth in Louisville, Ky.

LifeWay's board of trustees will vote on the recommendation during its Sept. 12-13 meeting in Nashville. If approved, Rainer would become LifeWay's president-elect and begin October 17 to work alongside Draper to ensure a smooth transition, according to search committee chairman Rick Evans.

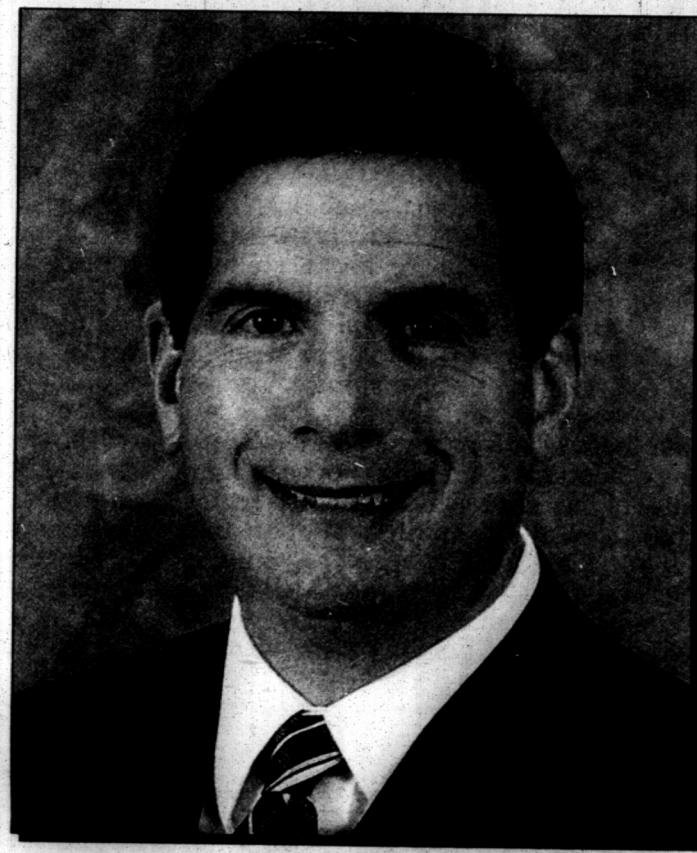
"Dr. Rainer has proven himself to be a successful leader of the local church and at the seminary," Evans said. "He is a gifted man of authority in the areas of trends within the Christian church and in church growth. He is a prolific writer and a respected educator whose works are widely read among Christian leaders. Dr. Rainer will provide the kind of leadership LifeWay needs for the years ahead."

"I am honored and excited to be the nominee of the search committee," Rainer said. "I look forward to the vote of the full board of trustees in September."

"I am very excited about the possibility of Dr. Rainer leading LifeWay," said Mark Anderson, pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Ridgeland, and a member of the trustee search committee that selected Rainer.

"There is no doubt Dr. Jimmy Draper was the right man for LifeWay fifteen years ago as he gave incredible leadership. I have great confidence Dr. Rainer will also provide his uniquely gifted leadership during this strategic time for LifeWay and the SBC."

"He understands the challenges churches are facing today in a rapidly changing culture. He will resonate with pastors of all ages and lead LifeWay to new opportunities for ministry. He needs our prayers and unqualified support in the days ahead."



Rainer

both the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education and the American Society for Church Growth.

Rainer is founder, president, and CEO of the Rainer Group, one of the nation's leading church and denominational consultant organizations. He and his wife Nellie Jo have three sons.

"We've had a great presidential search committee," said Draper, who has served as LifeWay president since 1991 and shepherded the company through a period of rapid growth, with a focus on making LifeWay a "Kingdom enterprise" that provides biblical solutions to Southern Baptists and the broader evangelical community.

"I have explicit confidence in the process the committee followed and the members' sensitivity to the Lord," Draper said. "I am incredibly excited to have a man of Thom Rainer's gifts and vision to work alongside in the months ahead. He is a proven leader, a brilliant statesman and a gifted visionary. That's why I believe LifeWay's best days are still ahead."

LifeWay, an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention formerly known as the Baptist Sunday School Board, is one of the world's largest providers of Christian products and services, including Bibles, church literature, books, music, audio, and video recordings, church supplies and Internet services through LifeWay.com.

Established in Nashville in 1891, the company owns and operates 124 LifeWay Christian Stores throughout the United States, as well as two of the largest Christian conference centers in the country.

A 59-member board of trustees, representing 33 states and the District of Columbia, govern LifeWay. Mississippi Baptists serving as LifeWay trustees are Anderson and Thomas Michael "Mike" Webb, a member of Harmony Church, Crystal Springs.

"The search committee felt the prayers of Southern Baptists and believe we are following God's will," Anderson said.

Rainer, age 50, is a 1977 graduate of the University of Alabama who has earned a master of divinity degree and Ph.D. at Southern Seminary. He served as pastor of churches in Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, and Indiana prior to becoming the founding dean of the seminary's Billy Graham School in 1994.

He has served as a church consultant and church growth conference speaker for several years and is in frequent demand as a speaker in Southern Baptist churches. Rainer is author of 16 books, including *Surprising Insights from the Unchurched*, *The Unchurched Next Door*, and *Breakout Churches*. He is a member of

Miss. CP down for month

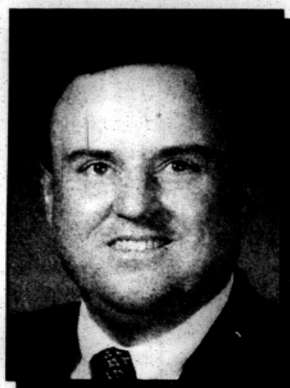
Gifts to the work of the Lord through the Mississippi Cooperative Program (CP) in July showed a decrease when compared both to giving last month and for the same period in 2004, according to Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board which disburses the funds. The July total of \$2,291,652 is 23.7% lower than the \$3,001,697 given last month, and 9.9% below the \$2,543,559 given in the same period in 2004. Total Mississippi CP giving for the current fiscal year, which runs from January-December, stands at \$18,948,103, which is 2.9% above last year's giving during the same period and 3.7% ahead of current year budget needs. The 2005 Mississippi CP budget of \$31,314,491, was approved by messengers to the 2004 annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. A total of \$2,609,541 is needed each month to meet the convention board's budget for 2005. In addition to helping support more than 10,700 missionaries in the U.S. and around the world through affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, Mississippi CP also helps fund such programs as the Pastor/Staff School of Excellence at various locations around Mississippi during the month of August, the State Senior Adult Rally on August 25 at First Church in Jackson, and the Hispanic Fellowship annual meeting on September 10 in Laurel.

SBC CP rises in July

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Cooperative Program (CP) for July were \$18,644,758, 33% higher than the \$12,555,627 received the month before and nearly eight percent above the \$17,272,884 received in July 2004, according to a news release from SBC Executive Committee President and Chief Executive Officer Morris H. Chapman. As of July 31, the year-to-date total of \$163,661,882 for Cooperative Program (CP) Missions is \$3,569,859 ahead of the \$160,092,023 received at the same point in 2004. Year-to-date contributions through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program are up 2.2% compared to the same time frame in 2004. Designated giving of \$178,725,788 for the same year-to-date period is seven-tenths of a percent, or \$1,276,719, below gifts of \$180,002,507 received at this point last year. The \$7,827,770 in designated gifts received last month is \$475,323 below the \$8,303,094 received in July 2004, a decrease of 5.7%. For the SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget, the year-to-date total of \$163,661,882 is 107% of the \$152,668,078 budgeted, or \$10,993,803 above budget to support Southern Baptist ministries globally and across North America. At the close of their last fiscal year, Oct. 1, 2003 to Sept. 30, 2004, Southern Baptists recorded a 3.6% increase in CP giving, for a record total of \$189,865,255.



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It's school time, prayer time

Kids are sad; parents are elated. Lines are long, traffic is at a fever pitch, and patience is low, but that's all right. It's back-to-school week across most of Mississippi.

Tenderfoot parents are experiencing this phenomenon for the first time with both excitement and anxiety, while parents on the other end of the time line approach their final back-to-school week with — you guessed it — excitement and anxiety. We should say a prayer for all of them.

We should also pray for teachers and school administrators everywhere. So committed are they to their life mission that they are willing to forsake better salaries, waive better working conditions, and endure extreme pressure from all directions just to educate our children. There are very few higher and more precious callings.

Many of those teachers and school administrators are Mississippi Baptists. Many of them pray for their peers and for the students with whom they are entrusted, ever mindful of the legal and career ramifications for doing so in public. Many of them conducted prayer meetings and prayer walks in and

around their schools over the past few weeks in preparation for the new school year, again mindful of the consequences of doing so.

They need all the spiritual support they can get. In California, children as young as kindergarten are legally required to declare what they believe their gender to be — male or female, the child gets to decide whether they are a boy or a girl regardless of anatom-



ical facts. Refusal to follow the state's mandate by a school board or a principal or teacher can trigger a full-blown investigation by that state's attorney general.

In several hot spots around the country, battles rage between the true believers of evolution and proponents of intelligent design. Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons will be stripped of any spiritual meaning and renamed "harvest festivals" and "winter celebrations." (Halloween, however, will still be allowed under its traditional name.)

Mentioning God is *verboten*, a violation of church and state separation under the bizarre arguments of liberal extremist groups like the ACLU. Judeo-Christian subjects are off-limits, while fringe "religions"

are highlighted and celebrated. Christian student groups must get a federal court order to hold meetings at the school, while homosexual student groups are welcomed with open arms. Religious-themed clothing is not permissible, but the display of tongue piercings and offensive symbols is protected.

Lastly, for all the reasons above and for many, many more reasons, we should pray for the students. In the coming weeks and months of this new school year, even the most sheltered children will be bombarded with ideas and temptations that could not have been imagined just a generation ago — public and private schools alike. It's difficult enough to stem the constant flow of cultural sewage into our homes, but it's near impossible to control at school.

Our prayers for Christian students should be two-fold. First, we should pray that they will remain spiritually grounded and steadfast against the allure and bright lights in which the world wraps sin. We should pray that their discernment will be strong enough to avoid the snares and pitfalls they will encounter.

Secondly, we should pray with ceasing for their witness to non-believers. Although fringe elements in the Southern Baptist Convention are advocating abandonment of what they call "God-less" schools, our command from our Savior is to take the Gospel to the world (Matthew 28:18-20). Pray that they will remain faithful to this most important mission in the face of adversity, and pray that you will be a shining example to light their way.

It's a big, lost world out there, and our responsibility is to spread the message of Jesus Christ wherever we go. Let's get busy.

GUEST OPINION: More than just a mission trip

By Kendra Buckles

Set Free Ministries, a transitional housing and life skills ministry in San Diego. Two adult men from Littleton, Colo., did electric work at First Southern Baptist Church in San Diego, while their friends and family painted and cleaned outside. Teenagers and adults from California prayer-

walked in the neighborhood preparing the way for an evangelism conference coming to the neighborhood in November.

A pastor and 11 church members from Greenwood led volunteers in Vacation Bible School for children in the two areas. Baptist Nursing Fellowship



JOY RIDE — FamilyFEST worker Kendra Buckles gives a back ride to a Tijuana child while the child's family waits for medical care at a FamilyFEST clinic. (BP photo by Kristy Carr)

(BNF) and other medical volunteers conducted three medical sites. Tijuana volunteers also painted makeshift homes and delivered rice, sugar, beans, and clean water to the residents. I was able to witness families serving Christ together as mothers and fathers delivered food beside their children, teaching them how the serve and give.

Four days later, the 123 gathered at Encanto Church. Each person who shared had a unique story of why he or she came to FamilyFEST and how it changed his or her life. As I looked around the room at those who listened, I knew that we all had one thing in common — God had prepared us to do a great work for Him, and it took all of us to accomplish it.

I know the body of Christ does not work together just on trips. 1 Corinthians 12:12 states, "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ." As every man, woman, teenager and child returned home, I know God will continue to use us to glorify His Kingdom in our own homes and communities, just as we witnessed Him do in Tijuana and San Diego.

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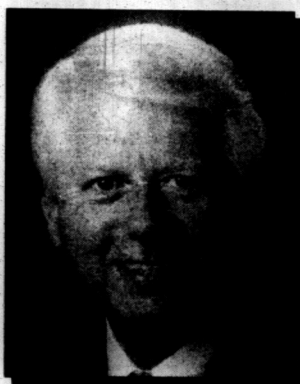
'Everyone Can' material being distributed

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (BP) — Everyone can be on mission to share Jesus. That refrain was voiced often during the Southern Baptist Convention this year as missionaries, pastors, and laypeople shared personal evangelism stories.

Now the "Everyone Can" theme is coming home to churches across the convention in an evangelistic emphasis designed to empower more churches to be on mission for Christ. "Everyone Can ... Be On Mission to Share Jesus" is the theme of this year's On Mission to Share Jesus (OMTSJ) emphasis.

Produced by the North American Mission

Board (NAMB), the event is observed each fall as churches challenge their members to cultivate an evangelistic lifestyle. The suggested time to observe the emphasis will be October 2, but churches are encouraged to use another date if it fits their schedule.

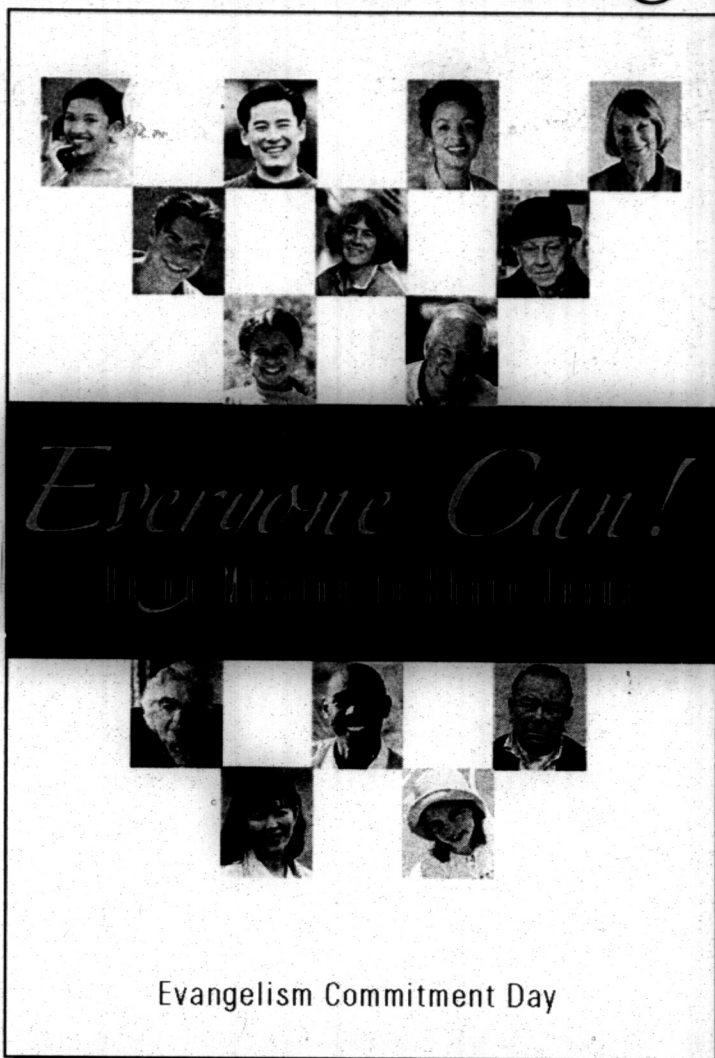


Welch

The materials reinforce SBC

President Bobby Welch's "Everyone Can Kingdom Challenge!" for Southern Baptist churches to lead one million people to Christ and to baptize them during the coming church year.

Distribution of this year's materials shifts to the Internet where churches can download and print the materials at a time convenient to them. Materials can be accessed by clicking on the link at www.namb.net.



"George Barna has observed that 'if a person does not accept Jesus Christ as Savior before the age of 14, the likelihood of ever doing so is slim,'" Church said. "That's why we have created special resources for children, including how they can share their faith with their peers."

The OMTSJ emphasis also includes a witness commitment day service and a separate witness training event. Churches frequently choose to download the One-Day and One-House Witnessing Workshop materials at www.namb.net/onedaywitness and to teach the material during the month of October or November.

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GuideStone drops rates

DALLAS (BP) — Rates for the majority of GuideStone Financial Resources' PPO medical plan participants will decrease for 2006, with improved benefits to be provided for preventive care and other services. The rates and improved benefits were approved by the trustees of the Southern Baptist entity, formerly known as the Annuity Board, during their Aug. 1-2 meeting in Orlando, Fla. "Fifty-seven percent of our Personal Plans participants will actually see a decrease in their medical plan rates," said GuideStone President O.S. Hawkins, "and this is on top of the 40% that received rate decreases last year. But what is really gratifying is that while we're holding down rates, we're making our wellness and other benefits even better." For 2005, GuideStone changed to the Blue Cross Blue Shield network as its single preferred provider network. This allowed GuideStone and its participants to take advantage of the nation's largest provider network and their lower negotiated provider rates. "The transition to Blue Cross Blue Shield as our only provider network is making a significant impact on our costs," said Doug Day, GuideStone's executive officer of benefit services. "The change has allowed our participants to take advantage of provider fees that are discounted up to 40% or more — saving money for themselves and for our medical plans." During a time when medical inflation is averaging 12-14% according to industry surveys, for the second year in a row there will be no medical inflation-based rate increase for participants in GuideStone's Personal Plans. Some individuals will see a slight increase of two to six percent in their monthly rates as they move into a new age range. Of the Group Plans, involving employers with 10-24 covered employees, 96% will receive a decrease in rates. For those employers with more than 24 covered employees, 66% will receive a rate decrease while 16% will see their rates remain flat. Seventeen percent of these large group employers will receive a rate increase due to their own past claims experience. Wellness and preventive care benefits for GuideStone's PPO medical plans will be enhanced for 2006 to include more eligible services. The \$250 annual benefit limit for preventive care services will also be removed, and eligible preventive care services will be covered at 100% after the office visit co-pay. Other benefit improvements for 2006 include specialist physician co-pays for all plans, easier to understand prescription drug benefits and expanded eligibility for dependents up to age 25 who are not fulltime students. A new high deductible health plan with an accompanying Health Savings Account (HSA) option also will be available.

Churches that do not have an Internet connection or that have trouble with the download can call NAMB at (770) 410-6315 to receive the materials on a CD. A portion of the materials also will be available in Spanish.

In addition to a planning guide and theme poster, the resource materials will include a sermon outline, skit, order of worship for a blended service, tips on how to inspire the congregation to be more involved in evangelism, and how to be an active member of the Kingdom Challenge movement.

This year's emphasis also will include a special emphasis on children, said Dick Church, who coordinates the material for NAMB.

Some churches teach both formats on alternate weeks to provide alternative formats and to increase participation. Witnessing cards, which come in packets of 100, can be purchased by calling (866) 407-6262, Church added.

Those training events can serve as an introduction to more intensive training options later in the year. A secondary resource could be The NET, which builds on the information learned in the One-Day and One-Hour sessions.

The eight-session NET includes evangelism training with a NET visitation leader called a NET Mentor. The mentor is responsible for modeling ways to share the Gospel with unbelievers.

Welch has endorsed the OMTSJ evangelism emphasis as a way to help churches develop a Kingdom mindset.

"The greatest delight of my 31 years of ministry at First Daytona Beach is to see a large and mighty army of members who are equipped, trained and motivated to do personal evangelism," Welch said. "Pastors and church leaders will never do anything better for their members than to train, equip and lead them in personal soul-winning."

"We don't have a problem (that) soul-winning will not solve."

Looking back

10 years ago

Mickey Mantle received Christ as his Savior before his death, according to lay preacher and teammate Bobby Richardson, who officiated at Mantle's funeral at Lovers Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas.

20 years ago

The Nobel Prize's Asian equivalent, the Ramon Magsasay Award, is given to Mississippian Harold Watson, missionary to the Philippines. Watson, of Starkville, has worked for six years to improve the life of "the poorest of small farmers."

50 years ago

Greater cooperation of Baptists with Christians of other denominations is urged in a resolution adopted by the Baptist World Alliance at its golden jubilee Congress in London.

Christians killed in Bangladesh

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP) — Two men employed with Christian Life Bangladesh, a partner agency of Campus Crusade for Christ, were killed July 29 in Faridpur, Bangladesh. Lipial Marandi, age 21, and Tapan Kumar Roy, age 27, had spent the last eight months providing health awareness programs to locals and showing the "JESUS" film. The men had received threats that they would be killed if they continued their work. Local police say the men were sleeping when intruders entered their rented house at 2 a.m. and stabbed them to death, according to a report from Campus Crusade. So far, police have arrested two men in connection with the killings. The Bengali Christian community and several newspapers have voiced strong outrage toward the murders. Bengali Christians plan to hold a rally to voice their sympathy for the families of the victims as well as a show of unity amid the recent circumstances.



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WHEN THE PASTOR COLLAPSES

Recently, I saw something that for some reason just captured my attention. A picture is worth a thousand words and this one was worth ten thousand to me. I suppose I had seen this before, but it had never clicked and this time it did. I saw a huge tow truck pulling another huge tow truck. Do you get the picture?

Now, I've seen these big monstrous wreckers hooked up to an 18-wheeler that was pulling it down the road because it had lost its power. I've even seen one of those monsters with a huge bus in tow because it had come to a stop on the side of the road somewhere. On this day it was a tow truck pulling a tow truck. Of course, these are the vehicles that are supposed to be there to help, hook up, lift up, and pull a vehicle whether that vehicle is a car, truck, van, or bus, so that it can get repaired and back on the road.

It had never crossed my mind as to what happens if the big helper, the rescuing tow truck broke down, until it was before me. What happens is that there has got to be another one that can pick it up and help it limp its way in for restoration. Before this scene had vanished from my sight, the picture had turned into a pastor who had run out of gas, or had a flat, or his engine just came apart and he was stopped on the roadside of life.

What happens when a pastor collapses? Who picks him up? Who helps him? Who restores him? Does the church restore him? It is sad to say, but more often than not the answer is "No!" Even sadder is the reality that oftentimes the church is the one that tried to break him down.

I am certainly not young in the faith and neither am I naive when it comes to the ways of the world or the wiles of the devil. However, I must confess that at



Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

times I am still baffled by the way some believers, or at least some church members, treat those who have been called to serve as pastor, or staff. It seems as though, and I may be wrong, that some people feel called to do what they can to hinder, hurt, or hate the pastor. Certainly it is not everyone and it is not everywhere, but if you just see it occasionally in some folks, you clearly remember it. Sadly, I see it more than occasionally.

So, who helps the pastor? If he cannot turn to the church family, where can he turn? Other people may care but not know what to do. In fact, when any kind of controversy arises, many people just simply withdraw and are of little or no help. It is also strange that many who do care have an interesting thought in their mind that if the pastor is truly one of God's men, the Lord will take care of him. Well, thanks be to God, He does. It is also His intention to use some of us to be a blessing to those around us.

I am thankful to say that because of so many of you and your churches, the Mississippi Baptist Convention is able to provide care, support, and even counseling when a pastor collapses. When you give through the Cooperative Program you are not only sending missionaries to the other side of the world, starting churches all across our land, helping strengthen our colleges, and providing for programs that will make a difference in our churches, but you are also helping to reclaim lives and families

that have been shattered because of some heartbreak.

What happens to pastors that they come to a place where they can't go on? There are multiplicities of things, more than this article can address right now. They cover external pressures, internal deficiencies, high expectations of congregations, and lack of understanding or ability on the part of the pastor. Sometimes, it is none of the above but the battery simply goes dead, the well runs dry. The work of ministry never ceases. It is not a nine-to-five job. It is not a five-day-a-week or even a six or seven-day-a-week job. If the phone rings in the middle of the night, if a funeral is held in the middle of the day, if the weekend is shaped around someone's wedding and the church worship services, or if an urgent counseling session is needed to possibly save the marriage of a young couple, the pastor is expected to be there and be at his best to make sure that there is a difference because of his ministry.

The pastor's preparation to preach is unceasing and the burden of concerns he carries for his church and its people is indescribable. I have often said that if a pastor is doing his job, 50-75% of his ministry is unknown to most of the people in the church. There are things taking place in relationships that are being worked out. There is guidance being given. There are situations that no one wants anyone to know about or to know that the pastor had to

be involved. If the pastor is discreet and helpful, no one may ever know, but it has taken his energy, care, and time to help.

If the pastor is unable to turn to the church and outside help, like the Convention, can only come when the crisis arrives, then where is the tow truck that pulls the tow truck in this incident? Well, here is one of the saddest of all realities often there is none. In fact, most of the time there is none. Occasionally, there will be a mentor, a friend, or a fellow pastor who is able to be supportive and discreet and not spread gossip around to others that can make a difference in someone's life. Yet, for many pastors, that does not exist.

For some, there is family, but that is not always the case either. Far too often the pastor's companion has been burdened, beaten, belittled, and bush-whacked to the place where she is in no way capable of strengthening him. So, is there no hope? Is there no one to be there to lift up the pastor when he is down? Oh yes, there is hope. I must tell you that throughout my ministry God has had in place people who did not even know that they were strong tow trucks, hooking up to my life and encouraging and lifting me up when I collapsed. There were times when I ran out of fuel, blew out a tire, and even had my engine to blow up. There they were with no sirens going or lights flashing. They just hooked up, lifted up, and pulled me on down the road! To the dozens of tow truck saints that I have known who have gone on to glory, to those who remain, and to some who read this article, I just want to tell you again, "Thank you from the depths of my heart!"

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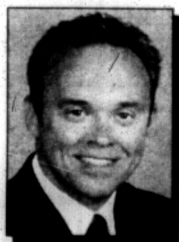


1. Deacon Ordination, Easthaven Church, Brookhaven



3. "Fun in the Sun" Camp, First Church, Terry

1. **Easthaven Church, Brookhaven**, ordained Jeff Ready as deacon July 24. Shown are Tommy Ready, Ready, and Robert Hanvey, interim pastor.
2. After a brief ministry opportunity in the Midwest, **Jack Manor** has returned to Mississippi and is available for a pastorate, supply preaching, and revivals. For more information, call (662) 827-2040 or (618) 946-0745.



2. Manor

3. **First Church, Terry**, held a children's summer camp at Fountainbleu State Park in Mandeville, La., with 80 children and adults participating in four days of Bible study, praise and worship, crafts, recreation, and other summer activities. Shown are the participants.

4. **First Church, Terry**, recognized L. E. McCoy for 57 years of service as a leader and teacher in their Sunday School ministry. Shown are Pastor John Pace, McCoy, and Toby Jones.



4. McCoy recognized, First Church, Terry

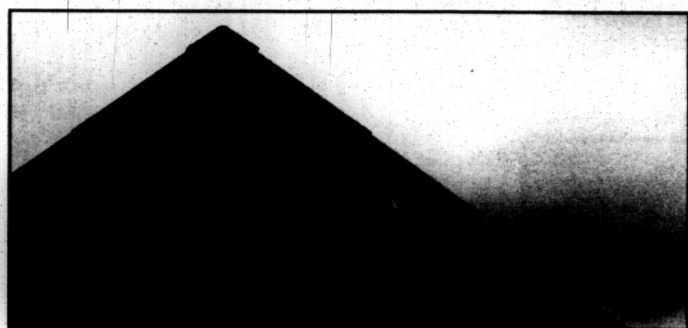
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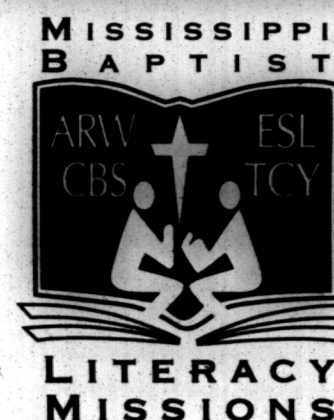
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10:15-11:00 Conference Session 2
11:15-noon Conference Session 3
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9:00 a.m. Acts 1:8 Overview
Steve Stone/David Michel
10:00 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. Spiritual Empowerment
Ken Lyle
10:50 a.m. Church Expansion
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T. Austin Sparks

August 12-25, 2005

Uruguay missionaries Ron and Carla Roy write: "Pray for our Project 222. The ministry team is preparing places and facilitators for new house churches that are to begin in September. In June we focused on evangelism, in July we focused on discipleship, and in August we are focusing on leadership development."

For: (1) Pastor/Staff School of Excellence, Hillcrest BC, New Albany (P/LD); (2) FAITH Summit (LifeWay/SS); (3) Jim Putman, Freeport, Texas, is chaplain of the international seafarer center. Pray for an effective witness as he hosts seafarers from many countries, languages, and religions who work aboard ocean-going cargo ships.

For: (1) Pastor/Staff School of Excellence, Calvary BC, Greenwood; (2) Pray for a potential future member of team Ufa as he undergoes knee surgery in August. Pray that the family might soon get the IMB doctors permission to proceed to the mission field as ISC workers and members of Team Ufa in Russia.

The Bangkok Metro Team asks: "Please pray for a pastor and two church leaders from Virginia that will be traveling to Thailand this month on a 'vision trip.' They have a desire to partner in working to reach an unreached people group."

R was a student in several TEE classes in Malawi. He would faithfully come from his remote home village each week to the church where the classes were held. In the past two years, He has started four churches in his area. In August, missionary Jeff Polglase will begin a TEE class there. Pray for Jeff and all the students who will attend.

For: (1) State Leadership Training for Churches, Central Hills, Kosciusko, 12th - 13th; (2) Raj and Hannah Paul are Asian Indian church planters in Greater Cincinnati. Pray for God's strength and wisdom. Also, pray for new Hindu Christians to help with church planting.

The Caracas, Venezuela, Professional and University Class Team, write: "In August, we expect to receive another volunteer, J. from Louisiana. He will study at a university here in Caracas for six months and wants to work with our team. Pray that he will feel welcome and that his time would be fruitful. Ask God to show him how to make an impact."

The Chuabo women of Mozambique have their conferences in August. Pray for God's blessing upon the teachers and for each woman present at the meetings. This year the theme will be "The Christian Woman and Her Home." Pray that the women will learn what a Christian woman needs to do to have a Christian home.

For: (1) Pastor/Staff School of Excellence, Hillcrest BC, Jackson (P/LD); (2) The Northwest Mexico City Team writes: "Thank you for co-laboring with us in prayer. Fuente de Agua Viva Baptist Church started a new church, and a distribution of Gospels of John, resulted in 39 professions of faith and 40 others desiring Bible studies in their homes."

For: (1) Pastor/Staff School of Excellence, 38th Avenue BC, Hattiesburg (P/LD); (2) Church Leadership Training, FBC, Amory (W/U); (3) The many students who do comparative research on the three monotheistic religions of Morocco. Pray that the one true God will change their lives in the midst of this academic exercise.

Fritz Wilson, Jacksonville, Fla., serves as state disaster relief director with the Florida Convention. Pray for thousands of homeowners who are still trying to repair damage from the 2004 hurricane season and for volunteers to come and help them rebuild.

For: (1) State Senior Adult Rally, FBC, Jackson (D&FM); (2) Lynn Wagoner, McDowell, Ky., is the director of God's Appalachian Partnership, a need-based organization. Pray as they work to connect individuals with churches or home Bible studies. Pray for open doors for home Bible studies.



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September 10, 2005

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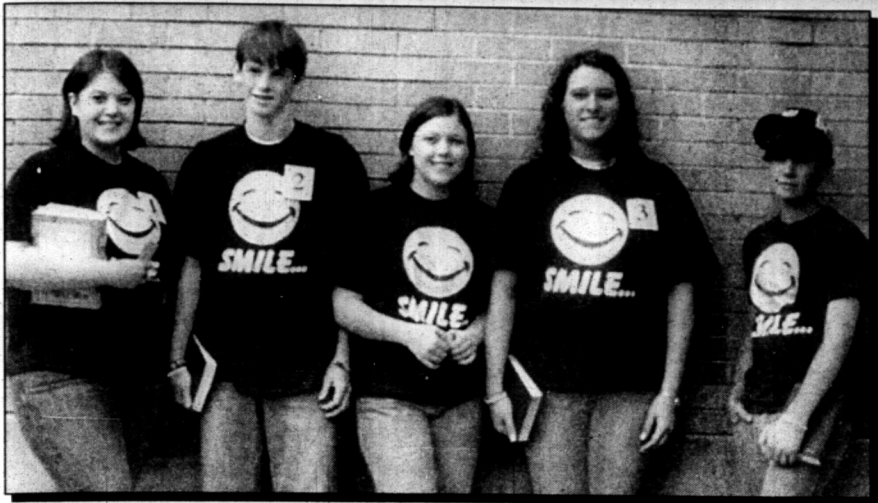
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JUST FOR THE RECORD



5. Youth and Children Bible Drillers, Grace Church, Philadelphia



5. Grace Church, Philadelphia, recognizes their youth and children Bible drillers. Shown are the participants.

6. Plainway Church, Laurel, honored several of its members for many years of service during the church's 55th Homecoming Celebration. Shown are Lurline Mann, Pat Howard, Maxine Youngblood, Hassie Bell Moss, Sara Hill, Melvina Odom, Gladys Parker, and Fay Green.



6. Women Honored for Service, Plainway Church, Laurel



8. Sadler Honored for Service, Liberty Church, Liberty

7. Wesson Church, Wesson, recently honored Mike Carr, pastor, with a plaque commemorating 20 years of service.

8. Liberty Church, Liberty, honored pastor James A. Sadler for 50 years of ministry. Shown are Sadler and his wife, Nadine.

9. Mt. Zion Church, Osyka, celebrated its 167th anniversary Jul. 24, with dinner in the fellowship hall after the morning worship service. Delio Del Rio, pastor.

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COLLEGE NEWS



Graduation Commencement, MC

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JUST FOR THE RECORD



10. GAs and RAs Recognition, First Church, Terry



10. First Church, Terry, recognizes their GA's and RA's after a year of spiritual growth and service. Shown are the two groups.

11. The Carroll/Montgomery Association will sponsor a free concert Aug. 19 at the Montgomery County Coliseum feature Shane and Shane with special guests

Monk and Neagle. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.; doors open at 5:45 p.m. A love offering will be taken. For more information, call (662) 299-2687.

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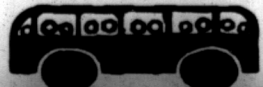
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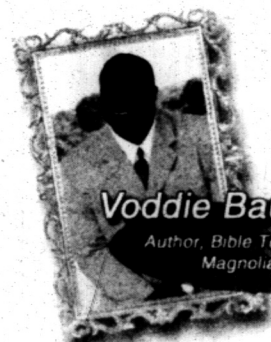
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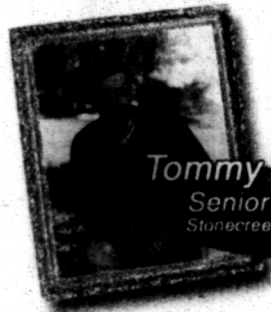
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FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

I Shall Return

Luke 21:5-9,25-28,34-36

By Rhoda Royce

Almost twenty years ago, I looked up at the astounding World Trade Towers in New York City and lost my nerve. I stayed in the food court in the basement while my braver husband adventured further inside. Almost four years ago, on TV, I watched the Towers fall. Even though I was reluctant to ride those elevators, I did not foresee the real danger that would destroy the buildings so soon. Not long before His death, Jesus used the sight (and site) of the Temple to teach lessons about reliance on God and about God's control of the future.

Watch Out for Frauds (21:5-9) — Some persons listening to Jesus began to speak about the beauty of the Temple, its mas-

sive white marble block walls plated in gold and its rich adornments of gifts, such as the huge, solid gold vine with massive clusters of grapes given by Herod the Great, under whom the massive reconstruction of the Temple had begun in 20 B.C. As the disciples marveled at the glorious sight, Jesus declared that the day would come when the Temple would be utterly destroyed. (Of course, the destruction of the Temple and of Jerusalem did occur in 70 A.D. after a Jewish rebellion against Roman rule. The ancient Jewish historian Josephus claimed that more than 1,000,000 people died in the horrifying siege of the city.)

Jesus' hearers wanted to know when this horrible event would happen and



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what the signs of its approach would be. Jesus warned them not to be deceived by persons who claimed to know the date of the destruction or to be the messiah. In fact, He told his disciples not to "be alarmed."

Expect Turmoil (21:25-26) — After discussing a future event any of us would consider cataclysmic, Jesus began to describe an event that makes the destruction of any human city seem small: the cosmic, culminating event of all earthly history. In prophetic language, Jesus described disturbing signs and changes in the heavenly bodies and the anguish produced by the "roaring sea and waves." He described people fainting from the fear of what they expect to come next.

Look for Redemption (21:27-29) — What people will see is "the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory!" For Christians, this event means not fear, but

redemption. Those who have been bowed low with fear and suffering should stand up, lift up their heads, and welcome their Redeemer. The victory Jesus won on the cross now will mean ultimate salvation for those He has made His own.

Remain Diligent (21:34-36) — In verse 8, Jesus warned his disciples not to follow false messiahs or deceitful false "knowledge" concerning the great events He was discussing. Some persons ever since have failed to follow this sound advice and have become overly obsessed with eschatology, or last things, and have followed unreliable guides. In these verses, by contrast, Jesus warned us not to get so caught up or trapped in our earthly lives that we forget where history is heading: to His glorious and powerful return. Many of us do not struggle with carousing or drunkenness, two of the possibilities Christ mentioned, but most of us are prone to having our minds dulled by the "worries of life." If we forget where history is headed, we may

ignore Christ's advice about how we should prepare for His coming: we should stay alert "at all times," and we should pray for the strength "to stand before the Son of Man."

Somebody too timid to ride a very large, crowded elevator in a high building needs a lot of strength from Christ even to contemplate such cosmic events, much less experience them! Yet Christ has promised us His presence as our advocate. He has assured us also, if we think about it deeply, that the end of all things is not in the hands of any group of misguided terrorists, wherever in the world they operate. We cannot know what earthly cataclysms we may have to face, but we know who stands at the end of history and His attitude toward us. We know who holds the ultimate power in the universe. So much of what seems like the end of the world is not the end of the world. He is.

Rhoda Royce is a member of First Church, Clinton.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

Stand Firm in Faith

Daniel 6:1-10,16,21-22

By Don Schuman

In our last lesson, we saw Daniel as a young, uncompromising counselor. In this lesson, Daniel is an old, uncompromising counselor. Proverbs 22:6 certainly applies to those like Daniel. His life is also a lesson to us that the Christian walk is a lifestyle for every season of our lives. There is no "retirement" from being a Christian, no "cruise control," no "coasting to the finish line." The wicked forces of Satan and this world were against Daniel even in his eighties! Never think you are no less a target.

1. Incorruptible Character (Daniel 6:1-5)

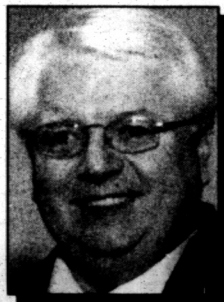
Everything Darius investigated about Daniel turned out to be good. Oh, if that could be said of many of us! Too many

Christians live out each day crucified between two thieves — the regrets of the past and worry about the future. They have not had an incorruptible character and the consequences of their sin haunt them daily.

Suppose your employer did an investigation of you. Would he find "an excellent spirit" regarding your work ethic? Would he find your character incorruptible at the copying machine, on your workstation, in the office supplies area? How incorruptible is your sales pitch, or your public service practices? How incorruptible would a highway patrolman find your driving habits? Ouch!

2. Incredible Faith (6:6-10,16)

The corrupt government



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administrators of all levels banded together against Daniel. Saying they represented "all" of his officials, they deceived Darius into signing a decree that forbade prayer for thirty days under penalty of being lunch for lions.

So what did Daniel do? Did he decide to hold off prayer for thirty days? Did he go find a closet to continue prayer? Did he sit around and complain about how unjust that decree was? No, when he heard of the decree, he went home, threw open an upper window so that all could get a good view of him, and he prayed as he always did. Someone has said, "Character is not made in a crisis — it is only exhibited."

How many of us regard prayer that important? Do we find prayer to be a necessary part to every day? Prayer was the secret to Daniel's strong faith. Prayer was important enough to Daniel to risk his very life by continuing it.

Perhaps he remembered the three Hebrews of years earlier (Daniel 3). They were commanded to bow down to a statue of Nebuchadnezzar under penalty of death. They steadfastly refused, preferring God's will to the king's will. Their defiance made Nebuchadnezzar hotter and he likewise ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter. Then the Hebrews were thrown in.

But an amazing thing happened. God delivered them miraculously and completely. God responded to their faith.

Would God deliver Daniel? I'm sure Daniel's resolve was like theirs — if God chose to deliver him, well; but if not, Daniel would still bow and pray to the One True God. His was an incredible faith in an incomparable God.

3. Incomparable God (6:21-22)

According to the decree, Daniel was cast into the den of lions. But he had a much better night than Darius had. The Lord sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths and to keep Daniel company. Isaiah 26:3 —

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." Daniel's incredible faith kept him in perfect peace (v. 23; Hebrews 11:33). The God of faith kept the man of faith who kept his faith in God.

Why did God deliver Daniel? Daniel was "found innocent" before the Lord (v. 22). Again we see the importance of incorruptible character.

The combination of an incorruptible character and incredible faith with an incomparable God has unconquerable results. We are reminded in 1 Peter 5 that there is another lion roaming about — Satan. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist steadfast in the faith" (8-9). Let us be "sober" and "vigilant" (character) and steadfast in incredible faith in our incomparable God so that we can resist that "roaring lion."

Schuman is pastor of Hamilton Church, Ashland.

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REVIVALS & HOMECOMINGS

Concord Church, Booneville: Revival, Aug. 21-25, 7 p.m.; Bill Foley, evangelist; Robert E. Walker, pastor.

Concord Church, Choctaw: Homecoming, Aug. 14, worship, 11 a.m., followed by covered dish lunch; Revival, Aug. 15-19, 7 p.m.; Phil Fancher, preaching; Roger Griffith, pastor.

Cowart Church, Charleston: Homecoming, Aug. 28; 10 a.m. worship, followed by lunch; James V. (Nap) Clark, Ed McDaniel, and Cary Worthington, speaking; Lee Ann Davies Allison and Linda Pernell Smith, piano and organ; Margaret Sandifer Blasingame, special music.

Hebron Church, Pheba: Revival, Aug. 21-24; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Ron Herrod, evangelist; The Carvers, music.

Galilee First Church, Gloster: Homecoming and 181st anniversary, Aug. 14, 11 a.m.; covered dish meal following morning worship; Sammy Smith, speaker; Eddie Painter, pastor.

Meadville Church, Meadville: Revival, Aug. 21-24; Sun., 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Gene Douglas, evangelist; Ed May, music; Kevin Griffin, pastor.

New Home Church, Smith County: Homecoming, Aug. 14; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; covered dish lunch, noon; Glen Jennings, Magee, speaking; Foxfire, music; Ron Swindall, pastor.

Eastport Church, Eastport: Homecoming, Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Lisa (Booker) Latch, Corinth, featured singer; former pastor Joe Weaver, guest evangelist; Jr. Jones, pastor.

Sherman Church, Sherman: Homecoming and Revival, Aug. 14-19; Sun., 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; lunch at noon, followed Ronnie Cottingham in concert; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; James Lewis, evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, music; Billy Foley, pastor.

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